

DOCUMENTATION FORM

Species How many? SWAN - SP. 1
 Location? SILVER LAKE, PALO ALTO CO
 Type of habitat? OPEN WATER
 When? date(s): 11/19-20 Time: 4-4:30 PM 11/19 2:30-3:15 PM 11/20
 Who? your name and address
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Others with you NONE

Others before and after you NONE

Describe the bird(s) including only what you observed. Include size, shape, details of all parts (bill, head, neck, back, wing, tail, throat, breast, belly, under tail, legs, feet). Also describe voice and behavior. SWAN W/ ALL BLACK BILL AND NO NECK OR LEG BANDS VISIBLE. LARGE, STRAIGHT BILL; HEAD SHAPE W/ SLOPING FOREHEAD; DEEP U SHAPE OF FOREHEAD FEATHERS WHEN VIEWED STRAIGHT ON; AND KINKED NECK WHILE SLOWLY SWIMMING ALL INDICATE TRUMPETER. HOWEVER, RECENT SHOOTING OF SWANS PURPORTED TO BE TUNDRAS LEFT ONE BIRD UNINJURED IN SAME AREA. BOTH VIEWS WERE LONG RANGE UNDER LESS THAN IDEAL CONDITIONS AND NO OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS SAW THE BIRD.
 Similar species and how eliminated:

Did any one disagree or have reservations about identification?
 If yes, explain:

Viewing conditions: lighting, distance (how measured), and optical equipment: HEAVY CLOUDS W/ OCCASIONAL LIGHT DRIZZLE; DISTANCE GREATER THAN 200 YDS W/ 20-60X SCOPE

Previous experience with this species and similar ones:
 TRUMPETER SWANS AT STOLLEY PARK, SPENCER; TUNDRA IN MIGRATION

References and persons consulted before writing description:
 BIRDING VOL XXVI #5 PETERSON - WESTERN BIRDS

How long before field notes made? IMMEDIATELY
 this form completed? 2 WEEKS

Mail original form to field editor for this season.